(b) if so, what is the number thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to train our Hockey players on Astro-turf grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Two Astro-turf hockey fields have been laid, one in National Stadium, Delhi and the other in the campus of the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala. The national hockey teams have been training on Astro-turf incoaching camps since 1982.

Electrification of Shikohabad—Farrukhabad Rail line

2943. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when. Government propose to carry out electrification on the broad guage line between Shikohabad and Farrukhabad;

(b) what are the details of electrification of railways to be carried out in Uttar Pradesh during 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no proposal to electrify Shikohabad to Farrukhabad Section.

(b) Electrification of Datia-Jhansi-Dhaura and Tundla-Agra-Aulanda Sections in Uttar Pradesh is in progress.

Cloure of Bal School, Kidwai Nagar New Delhi

2944. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an aided Bal school running in the Community Centre of Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi has been closed by the authorities after its successful running for a period of more than 20 years causing inconvenience to the residents of the locality;

(b) what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the teachers of this school have been absorbed by the NDMC in their schools while others are still jobless; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to take to absorb other teachers of this school in the schools managed by the NDMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Bal School was being unauthorisedly run in the Samaj Sadan owned by Grih Kalyan Kendra (Department of Personnel and Training). The Department of Personnel & Training got the premises of Samaj Sadan vacated and hence the Bal School Educational Society could not start the fresh term of the Bal School on 15-7-86 as programmed in the Samaj Sadan. However, for the convenience of the residents, all the children have been admitted in a newly opened N.D.M.C. School at Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi

(c) and (d) As the school was unaided, unrecognised and was not taken over by N.D.M.C, the question of absorbing the teachers by N.D.M.C. does not arise. However, N.D.M.C has appointed two seniormost teachers of this school on *ad hoc* basis.

Group 'D' Posts in IAAI

2945. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some panels of Group 'D' posts i.e. Lift Operator/Messenger etc. were drawn in the International Airport Authority of India in Head Office sometime in September-October, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The panel of Lift Operators has been operated while for the Messengers it has not been operated so far.

Hospital in Pitampura, Delhi

2946. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a hospital on the Ring Road, opposite Wazirpur D.T.C Bus Depot in Pitampura, Delhi; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has no proposal for opening of a Hospital at Pitampura during 7th Five Year Plan.

Shortage of Doctors in Rural Areas

2947. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors in rural areas of the country.

(b) if so, the names of States which are thus most affected by the shortage of doctors; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) As per available information, against 33804 sanctioned posts of doctors in rural areas only 4046 posts (11.9 per cent) were vacant as on 30.9.86. The States having a large number of vacancies are Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana,, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) To attract doctors to work in rural areas, the 8th Finance Commission, on the suggestion of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has provided special funds to the States for providing the following incentives to doctor serving in rural areas:

(i) A rural allowance equal to 25 percent of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 250/- per month for the doctors working in the Primary Health Centres; and

(ii) House rent allowance at the of Rs. 150/- per month where the doctors are not provided residential accommodation.

In addition, the Finance Commission has made special provision of Rs. 53.62 crores for construction of residential quarters for the doctors. The hilly areas have been provided 30 per cent 'Mark up' in the cost of construction.

Capacity of Nursing Home at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi

2948. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity of the Nursing Home at the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi;

(b) what is the occupancy rate of the Nursing Home at this hospital;

(c) whether it is a fact that generally Government officials who are eligible for indoor treatment at the Nursing Home are denied admission; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any need to expand the Nursing Home and if so, what are the details in this regard; and